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APPLICANT: Yasuhiro YOSHIOKA CONF NO: 3458
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FOR: PHOTOTHERMOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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May 12, 2003
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 11, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A photothermographic material comprising a support having provided on one surface thereof at least one kind of light-sensitive silver halide, a light-insensitive organic silver salt, a reducing agent for silver ions, and a binder, wherein the photothermographic material comprises a surface active agent represented by the following formula (F):